

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

23 February 2017

COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 19 January to 13 February 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Legal arrangements are being finalised with the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and the Community Interest Company to underpin funding for Coastal Protection beach recycling and recharge, between South Hunstanton and Wolferton Creek for at least the next decade. I can confirm that the Regional Flooding & Coastal Committee supported our bid for Local Levy funding of £300k towards a future beach recharge and £80k towards a Hunstanton Beach and Coastal Cliffs Management Plan. We are responding to concerns about flood protection funding with Local Parishes.

Our Air Quality and Contaminated Land Teams have been fully committed to supporting the Multi-Agency emergency response to the major fires at the Glazewing and Manor Farm sites, ongoing throughout the period. This included hosting a teleconference with the Environment Agency, Fire Service, Public Health England, the Clinical Commissioning Group and County Council to address Health & Environmental concerns of the Residents and Local Parish Councils.

Our environmentally beneficial recycling rate is up by 3% to 47.7%, an increase of 700 tonnes on the same period in the previous year.

Officers working with Kier have trialled the use of a separate food waste collection vehicle to determine if efficiencies can be gained from collecting food waste and other waste streams separately. Initial evidence indicates that the greater useable capacity reduces the number of trips, reduces transit times and mileage; with consequential savings in fuel cost and overtime, whilst delivering the same service level. The evidence gained from this trial will be evaluated as part of our longer-term, wide-ranging investigations into tuning our other waste collection and recycling processes, to deliver a more cost-effective and environmentally effective service to our communities. An outline of some of the options under consideration is being considered by Panels and has attracted favourable press coverage. This activity will inform our approach and decisions for the follow-on Waste Collection and Disposal contract

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Visit to Materials Recycling Facility
Visit to RAF Marham

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Attended

Council

Habitat Regulations Assessment, Monitoring, Mitigation & Green Infrastructure Coordination Panel.

Police & Crime Commissioner Public Forum & Review Meeting

Cabinet and Associated briefings

Tree Strategy Seminar

Flood Summit

Hunstanton Green Management Committee

Environment & Community Panel

Portfolio meetings

Scheduled

Cabinet and Associated briefings

Regeneration & Development Panel

Corporate Performance Panel

ICT Development

Portfolio meetings

Norfolk Waste Partnership Board

Wash East Coast Management Strategy – Stakeholders Forum